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HIGHLIGHTS

ACTING DIRECTOR FOR THE JEFFERSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Effective September 2, Kelley Vollmar became the Acting Director for the Jefferson County Health Department. Kelley's e-mail address is vollmk@lpha.mopublic.org.

NATIONAL LATINO ACQUIRED IMMUNE DISEASE SYNDROME (AIDS) AWARENESS DAY 2015

October 15 is National Latino AIDS Awareness Day, a day to raise awareness of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and AIDS prevention among Hispanics/Latinos. Hispanics/Latinos account for 21 percent of new HIV infections, while accounting for only 16 percent of the U.S population. This year's theme, *To End AIDS, Commit to Act/Para Acabar con SIDA, Comprometete a Actuar*, invites everyone to make a commitment to know the facts about HIV, get tested for HIV, and get into and stay in medical care if they have HIV. You can 'commit to act' by printing campaign posters or fact sheets at <http://www.cdc.gov/Features/LatinoAIDSawareness/>. To view HIV information in Spanish you can go to <https://www.aids.gov/federal-resources/espanol/>. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Bureau of HIV, STD, and Hepatitis encourage the use of routine, opt-out HIV screening in all healthcare settings. For more information, please contact the Bureau at 573-751-6439.

CHILD CARE SANITATION INSPECTION REIMBURSEMENT

As a reminder, the last day of the current (4th) billing quarter is September 30. Local public health agencies (LPHAs) are encouraged to submit their reimbursement request as soon as possible. Reimbursement requests for 4th quarter must be received by Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) no later than **October 9**. Requests submitted after this date may not be payable. If you have concerns about getting your reimbursement requests to us by October 9, please contact Breanna Werdehausen immediately at Breanna.Werdehausen@health.mo.gov.

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- [Missouri Institute for Community Health](#)
- [Heartland Centers](#)
- [Missouri Public Health Association](#)
- [CDC's Weekly Scientific Digest](#)
- [CDC Environmental Health Training Resources](#)
- [FDA Environmental Health Training](#)
- [Missouri Health Information Technology \(MO HIT\) Assistance Center](#)
- [Ozark Public Health Institute](#)

DREXEL UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH SOCIAL MEDIA MESSAGE LIBRARY RESOURCE

Drexel University, School of Public Health, recently launched the [Social Media Message Library](#), a web-based resource for public health and healthcare agencies that use social media platforms to communicate during emergencies. This resource features message templates for Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram that can be used during the preparedness, response, and recovery phases of 23 different public health disaster scenarios.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FROM THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY AND CITY HEALTH OFFICIALS (NACCHO)

NACCHO has again received funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to support local health departments (LHDs) to engage and collaborate with healthcare providers and other key community stakeholders in immunization, adolescent health, and cancer control to increase Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccination rates in their communities. To advance this goal, NACCHO released a Request for Applications (RFA) to identify a second cohort of LHDs to participate in a NACCHO-led action planning process to identify steps to increase local HPV vaccination rates. To review the RFA, [click here](#). Applications are due **October 29 by 5:00 p.m. EDT**. If you have any questions, contact Kate Heyer at 202-507-4251.

WIC UPDATES

The WIC Updates have been posted to the WIC web page. You can view the updates at <http://health.mo.gov/living/families/wic/wicupdates/index.php>. This week's updates include:

- Food Item Description Changes in MOWINS – Effective October 1, 2015
- Breast Pump Order
- Revision 13 Risk Factor Changes Update
- 2016 National WIC Association Calendars – Shipping Plan
- Updated WIC Food Website
- New WIC Education Resource – Gluten Free Food Guide
- **JOB OPENING:** Nutritionist – Crescent Clinic WIC (Jackson County)
- **JOB OPENING:** WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor – St. Charles County Health Department

ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS (EHR) AND PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICE

Many LPHAs have indicated that you would like additional information regarding EHR. *EHR for Public Health Practice* will be held in Columbia on Tuesday, October 27, and is sponsored by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, the University of Missouri, Department of Health Management and Informatics, the Missouri Health Information Technology Assistance Center, and Primaris. Click [here](#) for the training flyer. The session is FREE and some support for travel may be provided. Please RSVP to Lisa Hays at LHAYS@PRIMARIS.ORG or call 573-424-6067 to indicate the names of individuals who will be attending. Many thanks for considering your participation in this increasingly important element in public health practice.

DHSS CORNER

DHSS JOB OPPORTUNITIES/NEWS:

NEW ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE SECTION FOR DISEASE PREVENTION

Effective October 1, Ken Palermo serves as the Administrator for the Section for Disease Prevention. Ken has served for several years as the Bureau Chief of the Bureau of HIV, STD, and Hepatitis (BHS). Prior to promoting to that position, he worked for five years as a Disease Intervention Specialist and Health Educator within BHS. Previously Ken served with the Department of Social Services, Family Support Division (FSD), in various roles including Administrator and Project Manager for the Child Support Enforcement Program. Ken holds a Master of Management degree from Fontbonne University and a Bachelor's in Political Science from Truman State. Ken's 22-years of experience in state government has offered him numerous experiences working with client populations, local and federal partners, and building collaborative relationships among social services and public health stakeholders.

MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, AND TRAININGS

FOOD SAFETY TRAINING

The Bureau of Environmental Health Services will be presenting training on the application and pre-opening inspection process required by Chapter 8 of the Missouri Food Code. This training will be a combination of presentations and group activities that will introduce participants to the forms and procedures that should be used to approve the opening of a new food establishment. The training begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends around 3:00 p.m. in each location. Participants will need to pre-register by e-mailing JD Kelley at: jd.kelley@health.mo.gov. The dates and locations are scheduled as follows:

- October 15, 2015 – 930 Wildwood Drive, Jefferson City
- November 17, 2015 – 101 Mockingbird Lane, Warrenton
- December 8, 2015 – 3717 S. Whitney Ave., Independence

The Agenda includes:

- Introductions
- Food Code Requirements
- Menu Review & Exercise
- Floor Plan Review & Exercise
- Lunch (on your own)
- Pre-Opening Inspection & Exercise
- Adjourn

PERINATAL HEPATITIS B (PHB) CASE MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

The Bureau of HIV, STD, and Hepatitis is offering educational workshops on PHB Case Management during the fall of 2015. Classes will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in several locations throughout the state. The workshop includes an overview of PHB case management, Hepatitis B lab interpretation, and instruction on WebSurv entry for PHB. These workshops will educate local public health agency staff on the importance of screening all women for Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) during pregnancy; educating women and their families on the importance of infants completing the Hep B vaccination series; and post-vaccination serology testing. Please click [here](#) to register.

2015 SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM (SFSP) ROUNDTABLE MEETINGS

DHSS Bureau of Community Food and Nutrition Assistance is conducting roundtable meetings for SFSP sponsors and community partners. Please RSVP by September 30 to Leslie Rumans at Leslie.Rumans@health.mo.gov. For more information, please see the attached [flyer](#).

SYMPOSIUM ON HUMAN RABIES PREVENTION AND TREATMENT – October 9

This free, half-day rabies symposium and webinar broadcast will consist of presentations from rabies experts and provide a forum for discussion. The conference will bring together internationally recognized experts in rabies from academia, private, and public health disciplines. A concurrent live webinar broadcast of the symposium will allow for a broader audience to participate outside of the live site and will provide a recording for later viewing. To view the preliminary agenda, please click [here](#). Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Nurse Technicians, medical professionals, medical students, Health Educators, Pharmacists, Pharmacy Technicians, Epidemiologists, laboratorians, Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO's) Veterinarians, Veterinarian Technicians, and veterinary students will benefit from attending this FREE program. There is no cost to attend, but advance registration is required. To register, please click [here](#). If you have questions, please contact Peter Costa at pcosta@onehealthcommission.org.

2015 HEALTH LITERACY SUMMIT – OCTOBER 16

The 2015 Health Literacy Summit will take place on October 16 in St. Louis! This year's summit is centered around community health, mental health, and patient experience, featuring keynote presentations and panel sessions on health insurance literacy, community health workers, technology in health care, and informed consent. Local public health department (LPHD) staff will find value in these presentations about health and health literacy, complementing what you already know from working in the field. Information is available at: www.healthliteracymissouri.org/summit. On October 15, we will be holding pre-conference skill-building workshops on health literate design (without the fancy software), plain language, universal precautions, and cultural competency – any of which would build additional skills to enhance patient-centered care, improve health, and increase health literate practices in your organization and those you oversee.

NAVIGATING THE COMPLEXITY OF MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS IN SOCIETY – October 30-31

The Centers for Health Policy and Health Ethics at the University of Missouri are hosting the *Navigating the Complexity of Mental Health Needs in Society: The Intersection of Ethics, Policy, and Practice* conference on October 30-31 in Columbia. The meeting will focus on navigating ethical challenges when working to improve access and delivery of mental and behavioral health services. Conference participants will discuss issues at the intersection of mental health clinical practice, law, and ethics as, well as review policy reform and advocacy actions aimed at improving treatment of people with mental and behavioral health challenges. The registration cost is \$100 before October 1 and \$125 after. For more information about this conference and to register, click [here](#).

COORDINATED SCHOOL HEALTH CONFERENCE – December 3-5

According to a recent survey on training needs there were a number of LPHAs interested in receiving training on asthma in the school setting. There will be two trainings available at the Coordinated School Health Conference at Tan Tara in December. The conference brochure can be viewed at <http://www.healthykidsmo.org/conferences/index.php>. Hope to see you there!!

SATELLITE BROADCASTS AND WEBCASTS

UPCOMING SATELLITE BROADCASTS AND WEBCASTS

Please see the [attached flier](#) listing upcoming satellite broadcasts. Contact Jackie McCoy at 573-751-6170 or Heather Rhodes at 573-751-6168 with questions or to report technical problems.

LPHA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

ADMINISTRATOR – Gasconade County Health Department

The Administrator is responsible for executive work in directing operations of the public health programs of the Gasconade County Health Department. This position is responsible for overall operations through planning, developing, and directing public health programs of the local health department. Work includes assessment of community needs, contact with community groups, local officials, and the general public regarding public health issues. This position is responsible for coordinating the activities of the health department to assure compliance with state and federal laws and applicable policies and procedures. This position also supervises professional and clerical staff. Please submit to greg.lara@gasconadecountyhealth.com or mail to the Board of Trustees, or Greg Lara, 300 Schiller St., Hermann, MO 65041. Please submit resume by **October 5**. The Gasconade County Health Department is an equal opportunity employer.

PUBLIC HEALTH SPECIALIST – Independence City Health Department

This position within the City of Independence Health Department will perform duties associated with the department's Healthy Lifestyles programs and will assist with the coordination of all grants related to Healthy Lifestyles, assuring that all requirements, deadlines, and outcomes are met. Duties include strengthening community partnerships through a variety of avenues including sharing of resources, participation on community committees and coalitions, and encouraging collaboration to meet common goals that support the mission and vision of the health department. Apply on-line at www.indepmo.org/hr or by visiting the Human Resources Department, 2nd floor, City Hall, 111 East Maple, Independence, MO 64050. This position closes **October 7**. For more information on job duties, job qualifications, and education, please see the attached [flyer](#).

ACCOUNTANT – Taney County Health Department

The Taney County Health Department will be accepting resumes for the position of Accountant. This position will be for 32 hours/week. Minimum requirements for this position include an Associate Degree in Accounting, or a Bachelor's degree in Business with emphasis in Accounting, and a valid driver's license. A Bachelor's degree in Accounting/Finance and prior experience is a plus. Candidates must be proficient utilizing accounting software (i.e. MAS90, Quickbooks, and Microsoft Office products). Candidates must be detail oriented and have excellent customer service. Benefit package includes paid vacation, holidays, and sick time, LAGERS Retirement system, health, and dental insurance. Please send letter of interest indicating date of availability in addition to resume to: Taney County Health Department, PO Box 369, Forsyth, MO 65653, Attn: HR Department or send by e-mail to stevet@lpha.mopublic.org or huacuh@lpha.mopublic.org. Position open until filled. The Taney County Health Department is an equal opportunity employer and will consider applicants without regard to age, sex, color, sex, religion, national origin, or disability as prescribed by federal and state law.

Gail Vasterling, Department Director, DHSS Staff
County Presiding Commissioners, Board Chairs

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